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DEDICATION TO LEHAN K. TUNKS

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The Board of Editors of the Washington Law Review is to be congratulated for its decision to dedicate this issue to Professor Emeritus Lehan K. Tunks, who led the Law School as dean from 1962 to 1968. His deanship was marked by the adoption of important educational initiatives and the greatest growth in the size of the faculty and student body. Programs instituted under Lee's guidance continue to distinguish our Law School. Next to our founding dean, John T. Condon, perhaps no other dean has made such lasting and important contributions to the Law School.

Before coming to the University of Washington, Lee was on the faculty of the School of Law at the University of Iowa from 1938 to 1953, except for a period during World War II, during which he was on the staff of the Office of Price Administration in Washington, D.C. From 1953 to 1962 he was the Dean of the School of Law at Rutgers University.

Throughout his career Lee made many contributions to the development of legal education policies and of law school curricular development. His contribution as chairman of a special committee on Law School and University Relations for the Association of American Law Schools, culminating in the publication of a book entitled *Anatomy of Modern Legal Education*, is widely recognized.

During Lee's deanship the Law School adopted the highly successful small section program for first-year students. Under the program each first-year student has at least one major course, in addition to Basic Legal Skills, in a section of between twenty-five and thirty students. The advent of the small section program here antedated by almost twenty years the adoption of similar programs at several other leading American law schools. Other innovations included an extensive program of third-year seminars and the adoption of creative courses, such as the pioneering course in Negotiations created by Professor Cornelius Peck and Associate Dean Robert L. Fletcher.

After retiring as dean in 1968 Lee taught courses on business organizations and federal taxation, including basic courses and more advanced ones such as tax procedure. He also found time and energy to be very active in the Order of the Coif, of which he was National President in 1972-73. In the classroom his inquiring mind, gentle manner, and quick wit captivated many students, particularly in small classes which invited active participation by students. A written accolade by thirteen students from a class in the

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1970's expressed their thanks and appreciation for "presentations which are balanced and intellectually reputable," enjoyment of the class sessions, and gratitude for Lee's "openness and receptivity to students' opinions, confusions, and often misplaced enthusiasms." Lee's way with words did not escape the students' attention: "We have also marveled at your puns and vocabulary."

As a colleague Lee was remarkable, invariably cheerful and eager to listen and make constructive suggestions. He showed the same collegiality, consideration, and cooperativeness in his participation in faculty committee work, participation in faculty colloquia, and in faculty meetings. Whatever the occasion, Lee could be counted on to be thoughtful, fair, civil, and helpful. I appreciated those qualities as a colleague on the faculty and have come to appreciate them even more as one of Lee's successors as dean.

Lee and his wife, Margaret, have contributed much to this Law School, its faculty and students, and the broader arena of American legal education. Margaret has brightened our lives in person and, perhaps less well known, by planting and maintaining a small garden of flowering plants here at Condon Hall. To these caring, kind, and generous friends, I am pleased and proud to join in dedicating this issue of the Washington Law Review.